

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

JOSEPH SIMMONS	:	
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Plaintiffs,	:	CIVIL ACTION
	:	No. 22-cv-1644-JMG
v.	:	
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CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, et al,	:	
Defendant.	:	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
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**DEFENDANT JESSIE WILSON’S ANSWER TO PLAINTIFFS’ COMPLAINT
WITH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

Defendant Jessie Wilson through his undersigned counsel, hereby responds to Plaintiffs’ Third Amended Complaint and avers as follows:

INTRODUCTION:

1. Denied. The allegations in this paragraph pertain largely to a party other than Answering Defendant. To the extent a response is required, denied.
2. The allegations in this paragraph pertain to a party other than Answering Defendant. To the extent a response is required, denied.
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5. The allegations in this paragraph pertain to a party other than Answering Defendant. To the extent a response is required, denied.
6. Admitted only that the Philadelphia Department of Prisons is a Department of the City of Philadelphia under the City Home Rule Charter.

7. The allegations in this paragraph pertain to a party other than Answering Defendant. To the extent a response is required, denied.
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JURISDICTION AND VENUE

15. This is a statement of jurisdiction to which the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure require no response. To the extent a response is required, denied.
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FACTS

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COUNT I: FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT

157. Answering Defendant incorporates all previous paragraphs as if fully stated herein.

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WHEREFORE, answering Defendant denies that he is liable upon all causes of action declared upon and demand judgment in his favor, plus interest and costs.

COUNT II: FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT MUNICIPAL LIABILITY

169-173. The allegations in these paragraphs pertain to a party other than Answering Defendant. To the extent a response is required, denied.

JURY DEMAND

Answering Defendant demands a jury trial in this action.

FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff has failed to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Answering Defendant is immune from liability under the doctrine of qualified immunity.

THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff has suffered no legally cognizable injury, harm, loss, or damage upon which relief can be granted.

FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's claims are barred, in whole or in part, to the extent that he has failed to take reasonable measures to mitigate any or all damages.

FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's claims are barred, in whole or in part, insofar as Answering Defendant's purported actions or omissions were not the proximate cause of any alleged injury, loss, or damage incurred by Plaintiff.

SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

At all times material to this civil action, Answering Defendant acted in a reasonable, proper, and lawful manner.

SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEENSE

Plaintiff is precluded from bringing this lawsuit due to his failure to exhaust administrative remedies under 42 U.S.C. § 1997e(2001) of the Prison Litigation Reform Act.

WHEREFORE, answering Defendant denies that he is liable upon all causes of action declared upon and demand judgment in his favor, plus interest and costs.

Date: May 10, 2023

Respectfully submitted,
/s Kathryn Faris

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